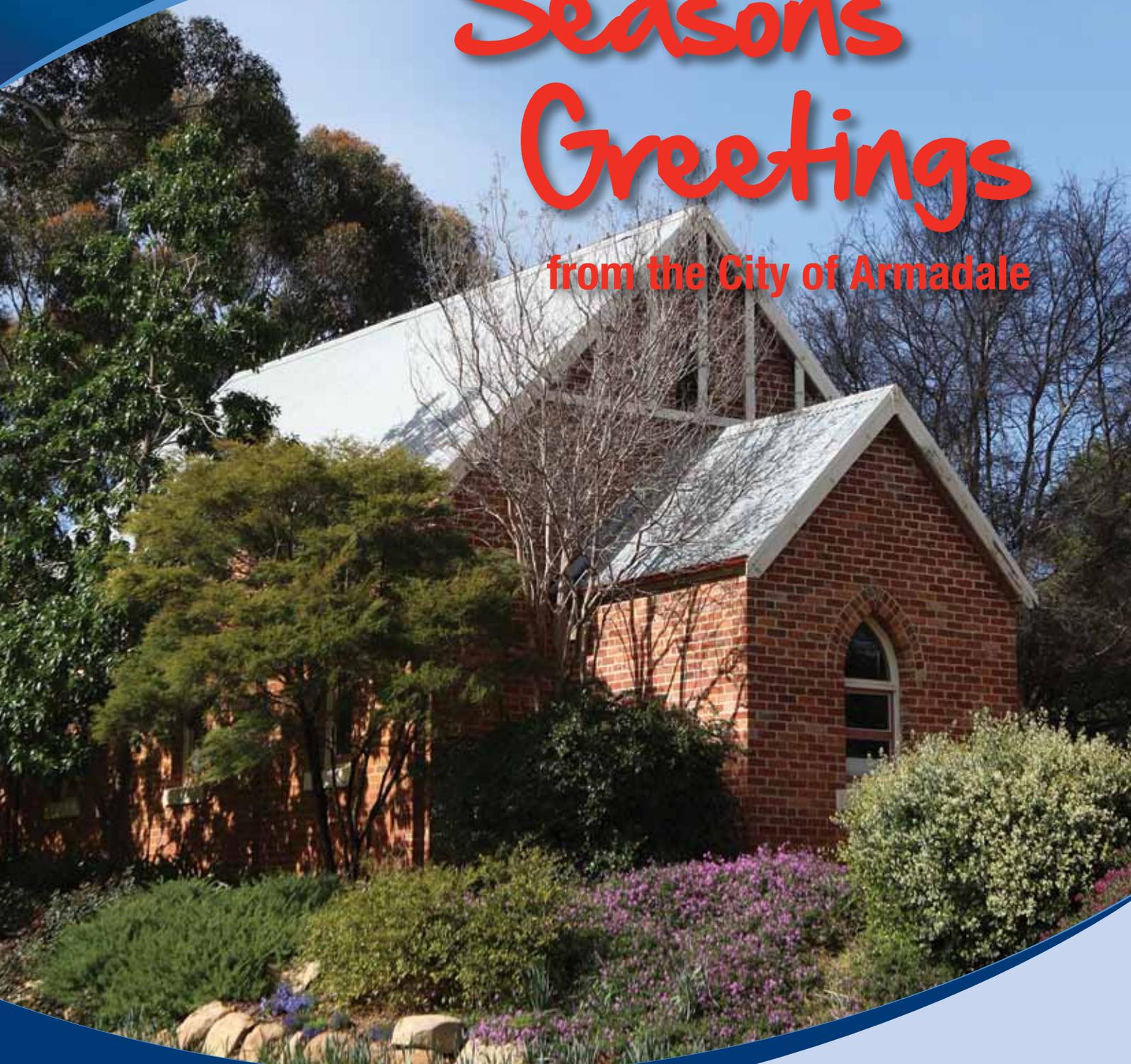


Seasons Greetings

from the City of Armadale



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The City at your fingertips

The City's Online Mapping feature is now available on mobile devices.

The latest upgrade means users can now view maps and find Councillor details, waste collection dates, planning and zoning information on the move.

Visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au and click on Online Mapping to get access.

Bridge maintenance works

Over the next six months Main Roads WA will carry out maintenance works on bridges in the Roleystone area.

Works are scheduled to be carried out between December 2012 and March 2013 and will include bridges adjacent to Araluen Lane, Agostino Road and Lady Mcness Drive in Roleystone.

All maintenance works are expected to be completed by March 2013.

This is a Main Roads WA project.

For more information visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9399 0111.

Major road works due for completion

A number of major road projects in the City of Armadale have recently been completed or are nearing completion.

The upgrades are expected to improve traffic flow, increase user safety and provide better commuter connectivity throughout the district.

These major projects include:

- Armadale Road/Abbey Road/Railway Avenue realignment. This project is funded by the City and the Federal Black Spot program.
- Champion Drive/Tonkin Highway intersection. New traffic signals have now been installed and are operational. This is a Federal Black Spot project.
- Ranford Road, adjacent to Forrestdale Business Park. Dual carriageway construction of Ranford Road between Armadale and Lake Roads. The opening date for this section has not yet been determined.
- Armadale Road/Seville Drive intersection. Upgrades have included modifications to the intersection and bus bays, road widening and pedestrian crossing improvements, plus traffic control signals. This is a Federal Black Spot project.

The upgrade of the City's road networks is expected to result in much safer and more controlled traffic conditions. The realignment, traffic signals and new construction works will see greater accessibility and connectivity for drivers.



Summer Events Calendar

AUSTRALIA DAY

Saturday 26 January 5.30 - 10pm
Minnawarra Park & surrounds

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Sunday 13 January and
Sunday 24 February 6.30pm
Rushton Park, Kelmscott
Dr Seuss - Lorax (on 13 Jan)
Happy Feet 2 (24 Feb)

CONCERTS

Sunday 3 March 4 - 7pm
Roleystone Primary School Oval
Roleystone Musicians Club
Sunday 10 March 5 - 7pm
Baker's House, Harrisdale
Oats Supply
Sunday 7 April 5 - 7pm
Memorial Park, Armadale
Armadale City Concert Band

MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL

Sunday 24 March 11am - 5pm
Minnawarra Park

Mayor's Message



The annual Events season is in full swing and I've enjoyed seeing so many local people using the City's parks and having a great time. The Highland Gathering, a great celebration of everything Scottish, saw a huge attendance and a fabulous time was had by all, both Scots and those of us who became voluntary Scots for the day. As you can see to the left there's many more events coming up in the next few months and I look forward to seeing you there celebrating our community and having a great time.

I'm pleased to say that business development is continuing in the City, with new businesses opening every week. Last month the first Bunnings store to take advantage of the changes to WA trading hour regulations opened on Armadale Road. This store offers many product lines not available in any other Bunnings store, so we should see people coming from far and wide into the City, which is a great opportunity for other businesses to capitalise on.

It's timely to remind residents of the importance of being fire prepared. Bush and house fires are a real risk and it is so important that we take care of our family and neighbours by taking all possible precautions. The City can provide advice on fire preparedness, see page 6 for some handy hints.

Finally I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and holiday season. Enjoy the time with your family and friends, take care of each other, drive safely and have fun.

Cr Henry Zelones JP
City of Armadale Mayor

Get Fit in 2013

Aqua Aerobics

Enjoy a full body, low impact workout without the aches and pains. Aqua fitness is a fun and safe way to keep fit and comes highly recommended by medical professionals.

- Who:** 16 years +
- When:** Thursdays and Saturdays 8 - 9am, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays 6 - 7pm
- Cost:** \$10 adults or \$6 seniors, per session
- Call:** Armadale Aquatic Centre, 9399 0850

New RadKidz

Designed in response to the growing worldwide concern about childhood obesity and sedentary lifestyle, RadKidz is suitable for kids aged four to 12 of all abilities. RadKidz delivers fitness and flexibility in a fun environment.

- Who:** 4 - 12 years
- When:** Starts 12 February. Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 - 5pm, during school term
- Cost:** \$7 per session
- Call:** Armadale Arena, 9399 0840



Are you ready for DIGITAL TV?

What is the digital TV switchover?

By the end of 2013, analog free to air TV signals will be switched off and replaced with digital-only signals.

Australia is moving to digital TV to improve viewing experience, keep up to date with technology and free up broadcast space for other innovative services, like high-speed mobile broadband. Switching to digital TV means you will have access to watch 16 free to air channels from the ABC, SBS and commercial broadcasters.

As part of the switchover process, the Government, in partnership with broadcasters, will improve TV access right across the country.

What do people need to do?

To keep receiving free to air TV after the digital switchover, you need a television that can receive digital signals.

You do not have to buy a new TV if you don't want to. Virtually all current analog TVs will be able to receive digital TV by adding a digital set-top box or a digital TV recorder. You need one set-top box or digital TV recorder for each television you want to convert.

If you're considering what sort of receiver to purchase – i.e. standard definition (SD) or high definition (HD) – HD will ensure you get the full range of channels available.

How to tell if a television is already receiving digital TV

An easy way to tell if digital TV is working on a particular television set is if you can watch ABC2, ABC3, or SBS TWO. If so, you are already digital ready.

Visit www.digitalready.gov.au and enter your full address into the mySwitch tool to get specific information on the switch off of analog TV signals in your area, or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.



Have your say for the City's future

The City received over 800 responses to the Ask Armadale and Community Perception Survey. The results have been used to revise the City's Strategic Community Plan which will be the blueprint for the future direction for the next 15 years.

The Plan identifies shared community objectives and priorities and will define how the City makes decisions, allocates resources and sets goals as we move forward as the heart of commerce, industry and tourism in the Southeast corridor. It will ensure Armadale remains a highly liveable, progressive and supportive City for its residents, businesses and visitors.

You can still have your say on the City's future by commenting on the draft Strategic Community Plan which is out for public comment until 17 December.

A copy of the draft Strategic Community Plan is available on www.armadale.wa.gov.au or at the Administration building and libraries.

Disposing of asbestos – the right way

The City's landfill site at Hopkinson Road, Hilbert accepts asbestos for disposal. Due to the hazardous nature of asbestos, it must be double wrapped in industrial black plastic, sealed with gaffer tape and labelled as asbestos. It must also be elevated so that it can be lifted off with forks.

If you wish to dispose of asbestos find out how to correctly contain and load the materials before you visit the landfill. Please call the Waste Services on 9399 0111 for information.



What would you like to know about?

We are asking residents what they would like to read about in *City Views*.

Whether its road works, community events, children's programs or the services we provide, we want to hear from you.

Call the Communications team on 9399 0106 or email info@armadale.wa.gov.au to submit your requests.

Get Ramped these holidays

The City's Ramped program runs through January with free activities happening here in Armadale.

The YAA Event Mentoring Project will also be launched with the 6112 Youth Crew working with *Teensoul Magazine* to plan an event for young people in Armadale, by young people in Armadale.

For the full program or to find out more about getting involved in the YAA Event Mentoring Project visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au and check out the youth page or contact 9399 0642.

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Summer Allsorts

There's lots on in the City these school holidays and best of all it's all free.

Hotdog Books

Create your very own sports or summer activity book. Bookings essential.

Thursday 3 & Tuesday 15 January

1 – 3pm, Armadale Arena

Call 9399 0840

Digital photo Hotdog Books

Using digital photos, taken at this session, create and star in your own story to take home. Bookings essential.

Wednesday 9 January

10.30 – 11.30am, Kelmscott Library

Call 9399 0810

Clay Tablets and Scrolls

Children will make a clay tablet and a scroll to be decorated with ancient writings.

Bookings essential.

Wednesday 23 January

10am – noon, History House Museum

Call 9399 0419

Scitech's Endless Energy science show

Energy can't be destroyed, and neither can our sense of adventure when we bounce, bang, buzz and burn with energy demonstrations and activities.

Friday 25 January

10.30 – 11.30am, Armadale Library

Call 9399 0125

Storytime by the pool

Come and hear some wonderful summer stories, and create some craft to take home.

Bookings essential.

Thursday 31 January

4 – 4.45pm, Armadale Aquatic Centre

Call 9399 0850



Swim School

For parents, swimming classes provide you with peace of mind. Enrolling your kids in lessons means they learn how to swim and to be safe in and around water.

Swimming classes also improve your child's coordination, balance and social skills. They have fun, make new friends and are kept active during summer.

Summer Holidays

Series 1: Monday 7 January

Series 2: Monday 21 January

Each series contains nine (9) lessons that run over a two week period. Classes are suitable for children of all ages and abilities.

To enrol or find out more information about our Learn to Swim program call 9399 0850 or email swimschool@armadale.wa.gov.au.

COMMUNITY



Cr MacDonald, Cr Northcott, Olympian Lauren Mitchell and Mayor Zelones



New Bunnings in Armadale

Bunnings Armadale on the corner of Armadale and Ranford Roads, is now open.

The new store looks ready to take advantage of the steady housing growth and population increase in the region.

Bunnings Warehouse Armadale is the first Bunnings in Western Australia to stock the full suite of products and services

including appliances, indoor lighting, indoor heaters, carpets, dishwashers and more.

“Our Armadale store has new and expanded product ranges such as D.I.Y. pool fencing and carpets, customisable modular kitchens and bathrooms. We continue to innovate in popular categories like outdoor entertainment with new

ranges of pizza ovens and BBQ’s now in store” said Managing Director John Gilliam.

Bunnings is proud to have more than 115 local residents as part of the new Armadale team.

The new Bunnings store is another iconic addition to the rapidly expanding Forrestdale Business Park.



City reminds residents to be bushfire ready by **1 December**

The City of Armadale is reminding residents to ensure their properties are bushfire ready. Failure to meet the requirements of the Bushfire Notice may result in penalties being issued to homeowners.

Owners are encouraged to be proactive in reducing fire hazards and fuel loadings on their properties and ensure compliance with the City of Armadale Firebreak Notice throughout the summer months.

Fire preparedness is a critical aspect in reducing risk and enabling effective fire response. It is the responsibility of each and every landowner and land manager to ensure that their properties meet statutory fire regulations and that they have implemented adequate fire preparedness measures.

The City has information which can assist residents when preparing their homes and families for the bushfire season, and are always available to provide expert information on hazard reduction and bushfire preparation.

For a copy of the Bushfire Information 2012 – 2013 booklet or to get more information visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9399 0111.

Have an eco-friendly Christmas

The festive season is busy for most people. We eat, drink and travel more than any other time of year and therefore have a bigger impact on the environment.

There are lots of things you can do to have fun this season whilst reducing your impact on the environment.

Gifts which give back

- Instead of a physical present, treat your loved ones to an experience like a massage, tickets to an event or a day out with you.
- Make your own gift – shortbread, jams, pudding.
- Give a present that grows – a native tree.

- Charity or environmental donations make great gifts – check out Oxfam or World Wildlife Fund for ideas.

Eco-décor

- Wrap gifts in old maps, newspapers or old sheets of music.
- Use brown paper and a colourful bow.
- Get the kids involved – using their artwork adds sentimental value to gift wrapping.
- Make your own decorations.

Be Merry

- Buy local, organic produce.
- Leftover party food makes for a nice lunch the next day. When you're ready to throw away remaining food scraps put them in the worm farm or

compost bin. Remember to recycle glass, canned and plastic drink bottles.

- Opt for reusable plates and cutlery.
- For more information on how you can make this festive season an eco-friendly one, visit www.switchyourthinking.com.



Mosquito borne diseases

The City of Armadale has seen an increase in mosquito borne diseases with 41 cases being diagnosed last mosquito season.

Multiple patients believed they were exposed to the virus while away on holiday. Nonetheless, it is important to beware of the increase in mosquito borne diseases and take care to reduce the likelihood of being exposed.

Protect yourself:

- Avoid being outside in the late afternoon and dusk. Mosquitoes are usually most active one to three hours after sunset and again at dawn.
- When outside wear loose fitting, light coloured clothing that covers your arms and legs.
- Use an insect repellent that contains the chemical diethyl toluamide (DEET) or picardin.
- Fit flyscreens to all windows, doors and chimneys and keep them in good repair.

- When camping or fishing take precautions such as using flyscreens or by sleeping under mosquito proof nets.

How to prevent mosquito breeding:

- Examine your house and backyard, and where possible remove all accumulations of old, polluted water.
- Pot plant bases should be emptied and cleaned weekly or the base can be filled with sand to absorb any pooling water.
- Tins, tyres, jars, toys, rubbish and other items which can hold water can breed mosquitoes. Store these items undercover and dispose of any unwanted items.
- Roof gutters should be cleaned out regularly – particularly where trees can block gutters and hold water.
- Rainwater tanks should be screened with wire gauze.
- Swimming pools should be maintained with pumps/chlorinators.

- Birdbaths, fishponds and ornamental ponds should be cleaned weekly.
- Wastewater treatment systems should be suitably sealed and wastewater should not accumulate or pond.

Common symptoms include:

- painful and/or swollen joints
- sore muscles
- aching tendons
- skin rashes
- fever
- tiredness
- headaches
- swollen lymph nodes

As these symptoms may be similar to other viral diseases, a specific blood test organised by a doctor is the only reliable method of diagnosis.

If you are concerned please contact your doctor immediately.

COUNCIL

Free immunisation clinics for 2013

The City of Armadale and Child and Adolescent Community Health are hosting free Immunisation Clinics throughout 2013.

Immunisations are carried out by Community Nurses with clinics from 9 to 10.30am.

The clinics vaccinate children from diseases such as Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Influenza, Hepatitis B and Whooping Cough.

Clinic dates for early 2013 include:

- Wednesday 9 January
Armadale Library, Armadale Central Shopping Centre, Armadale
- Wednesday 23 January
Evelyn Gribble Community Centre, Ninth Road, Hilbert

- Wednesday 6 February
Baker's House, 10 Welcome Meander, Harrisdale

Please bring along your Medicare Card.

For a full range of dates visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or call the City's Health Services department on 9399 0111.



Christmas business hours

The City of Armadale's Administration Centre will be closed from Monday 24 December until Monday 1 January 2013, inclusive, reopening at 8.15am on Tuesday 2 January. For a full list of business hours for City facilities please visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9399 0111.

Useful Council Numbers

City of Armadale Administration Centre

Tel: 9399 0111
 Fax: 9399 0184
 Email: info@armadale.wa.gov.au
 Address: 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale WA 6112
 Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.15am to 4.45pm

City of Armadale newsletter

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City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

December and January meeting cycles are displayed below. All meetings are held in the City of Armadale's Administration Centre, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale and are open to the public.

December 2012

Mon 17 Dec	7pm	Council
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January 2013

Mon 14 Jan	5.30pm	Technical Services
Mon 14 Jan	7pm	Development Services
Tues 15 Jan	5.30pm	Community Services
Tues 15 Jan	7pm	City Strategy
Mon 21 Jan	7pm	Council

February 2013

Mon 4 Feb	7pm	Technical Services
Tues 5 Feb	7pm	Community Services
Mon 11 Feb	7pm	Council

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